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Calendar of Events

MAY

1	MAY DAY REVELLS <i>Drygestan</i>
2	AL-BARRAN MAY DAY CELEBRATION**
8-9	OUTLANDS SPRING CORONATION <i>Hawk's Hollow**</i>
15	G.O. Last Clean Up Day
15	HIGHLAND GAMES DEMO
22	SPECIAL OLYMPICS DEMO
27-31	GRAND OUTLANDISH**

JUNE

4-6	ANNUAL DEFENDER <i>Scorpion's Hollow</i>
11-20	LILIES WAR <i>Kingdom of Calontir</i>
18-20	WARLORDS, DEFENDERS & RANGERS OH MY! <i>Dragonsspine</i>

JULY

10	STAGS CON <i>St. Goliath</i>
15-18	LONELY MOUNTAIN DEFENDER <i>Drygestan</i>
23-25	CLANN WARS <i>Nabrun Kabirun</i>

** Indicates attendance by Their Excellencies

From the Baron and Baroness

Unto the all the good gentles of al-Barran, do Sir Trevor and Lady Fermina, Baron and Baroness of al-Barran, send our most heartfelt greetings.

It has been our honor to serve as your baron and baroness for the past four years. We have had the opportunity to grow and learn so much about ourselves and the group. Many of you worked so hard to support us in our endeavors. It has truly been an experience of a lifetime that will forever hold a special place in our hearts.

The group has greatly grown in numbers during our tenure. New people have come to be part of "the dream." Some have come from foreign kingdoms and neighboring groups to join us. It has been a pleasure to meet so many of you. We thank you for the bright smiles with which you always seem to greet us.

The arts are alive in al-Barran. Although it has not been our desire to have an arts and sciences competition, all of you are champions! We have seen many good gentles wear, eat, sing, dance, fight, ride, paint, calligraphic and share their art. We thank you for the enhancing the atmosphere in which we strive to create these "Current Middle Ages."

Many of you have served as officers, autocrats, and honored members of our retinue. We could not have had such great success without your hard work. You organized our events, created and distributed newsletters, traveled afar, set up thrones, cooked feasts, listed countless tournaments, worked the troll booth, cleaned up sites, hauled things to and from the keep, and generally made things happen. We thank you for your dedication and generosity with your time and energy.

There is no honor greater than serving as baron and baroness of the noblest group of warriors in the Knowne World. At Estrella War, year after year, al-Barran has been a force to be reckoned with. Legends are told of our honor, chivalry, and prowess on the battle field. The many Sundays of training has made us truly great. Thank you for the blood and sweat you have spent in our service.

Our gratitude goes to each and every one of you for participating in our almost forty year long party. We know the kind of effort and money that goes into creating costumes, traveling to events, keeping camp, feeding your household, mending armor, researching ideas, and sharing the joy with others. You make "the dream" come true for all of us.

al-Barran, We are proud and impressed!



Sir Trevor

Fermina



From the Seneschal

Greetings,

Many exciting events are fast upon our Barony. First let me say thank you to all the members of the populace that helped with Sworded Affaire and Rösselsprung in April. These were extremely successful events, and many of our populace went above and beyond in helping them to occur.

Grand Outlandish is of course right around the corner. I would encourage every member of our populace to become involved in hosting this event. Remember that many hands make light work, and if you are willing to volunteer for even a small amount of time everyone can have more fun.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate THL Ryan and THL Tana as being named successors to the Baronial Thrones. Also, I would like to thank Sir Trevor and THL Fermina for all the years of hard work and dedication they have shown to al-Barran. Much of the glory that is our Barony is a direct result of the leadership that has been exhibited by them.

Yours in Service,

Master James David de Argentias



From the Arts & Sciences Minister

Greetings to all,

Summer is approaching with it fine weather let us take advantage of our new fighter practice park with workshops. I am starting to gather teachers for a summer art program at the park on Sundays. If you are interested in teaching contact me so we can get it all scheduled and let everyone know what classes are happening when.

I would like to say a huge Thank-you to Gammer Gurton's Needle for sponsoring the kumihimo class. It was standing room only and I had a great time, if you want to learn this Japanese braiding art, Gammer Gurton's Needle has copies of the handout in their library and I'm sure would be willing to show you how it's done.

I would like to thank Maria sol de Leon for supplying me with the results for the heraldic garb and accessories competition at Heralds and Scribes. Those results are as follows:

Day's competition:

Heraldic Garb-THLady Delia the Rose of Thorncastle (al-Barran) for a white tunic and black hood with scorpion trim.

Heraldic Accessories-THLady Delia the Rose of Thorncastle (al-Barran) for a pouch with beaded Tudor rose.

Ball contest:

Heraldic Garb - Lady Killian M Cahall (Scorpions Hollow) for a marshaled surcote w/both her and husbands devices split on either side.

Coming up in Arts:

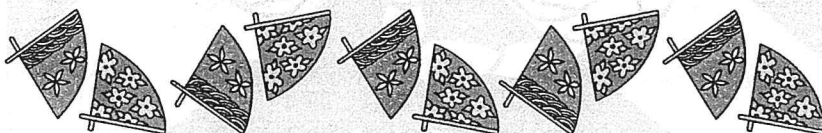
Regular activities:

- Gammer Gurton's Needle Mondays 239-3196 for location and subject
- Singing with Lord Tancred 268-4994 for day, time and location
- Armor workshops with Master Tore Thursday 6:00-9:00 281-5694
- Weaving Knowledge and Exchange with Lady Monika the Fair; 3rd Friday of the month 323-5569
- Court Dancing and Scorpions Scales Sundays during fighter practice
- Westside Project Schedule
no new schedule
- Sewing Circle with THL Asha 764-8131
May 2nd, 16th. The 16th will cover the long sleeved Rashada Tribal caftan

Events:

- May 27th-31st Grand Outlandish see website www.unm.edu/~mariasol/got/ Lots of classes, dancing, bardics, general merriment
- June 12th Textile/Needle arts Demo at Estes Park Wool Market Caer Galen
Contact Savina LaBrune at Rebecca@sourpuss.net for info on the wool market; www.estesnet.com/events/woolmarket.htm

THL Asha



From the Outgoing Waterbearer

Greetings,

I just wanted to thank all those good gentles that have helped me over the past few years. Without their help there would have been no way to accomplish what was done. The gentles of St Golias, Lady Kira MacDuff, Lady Gwen, Cerelle, Lady Lilliana, Haven, Willow, and all those who hauled water for the populace thank you so very much.

I would like to beg a boon of the good gentles of the Outlands. My deputy Cerelle of Golden Oak has graciously taken over as Baronial Waterbearer, please show her the support and encouragement that you have bestowed upon me in this endeavor.

Thank you

In Service to the Dream

Lady Bronwen Blackwell

From the Loaner Garb Mistress

Greetings unto all.

Grand Outlandish is upon us and I'm getting calls for loaner garb. If you have in your possession or know of someone that has loaner garb, please return it immediately. This time of year we get many newcomers that want to join us and have need of garb. Many times garb is borrowed and then forgotten. Please, please take a moment to look around and contact me if you locate any garb that has been borrowed. Thank you!!!

In service

Lady Diana of Llanberis



From the Webminister

Greetings,

I just wanted to let people know how many times the al-Barran website has been accessed in March. The home page was accessed 3,351 times total overall access for all pages was 28,766 times and the total visits were 5,302 times. The Sworded Affaire page was accessed 552 times and the Candidates Tea was accessed 56 times. In April the Candidates Tea page was accessed 242 times, Rösselsprung's page was accessed 59 times and Sworded Affaire's page was accessed 158 times.

Remember the website now has much more room for photos of the A&S pieces you have made, photos of events, songs, poems, please contact me about contributing. My contact information is listed on the website or in the chronicler section on the officer's page in the Baronial Shaft.

Lady Melody



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Blaidwyn's website: <http://www.unm.edu/~sca/index.html> SCA's website: <http://www.sca.org>

Heralds & Scribes Court Dance Ball Thank You

We are very grateful to Blaiddwyn College for hosting the Heralds and Scribes Court Dance Ball, the al-Barran Court Dancers for helping to put on the ball and performing as part of the entertainment, and the musicians of Scorpion Scales who played music for the ball for almost 4 hours till 11 pm! Huzzah!

Blaiddwyn not only supplied all the refreshments, but they manned the gate for the entire 4 hour event, getting needed waiver forms signed by non-members. A very special thank you to Lord Gauvain Eisenbein, who co-autocrated this ball with Lady Barbara, for all his hard efforts in making this ball a reality in such a beautiful room. Thanks also to Lord Schuyler, Lord AEthelwolf, Melchior, Odile, and Gabriel for manning the gate and to Haniya bat Baruch and Gabriel who were our Heralds for the entertainment and the dancing.

Our Scorpion Scale musicians were awesome--thank you so very much, Lady Lin Shiao Mei (Music Director), Lady Melody Shaw, Lyneya del Filde, Lady Bianca Mantegna , & Obsidian Shaw, 15! A special thanks to our al-Barran Court Dancers--Lady Barbara, Lord Canus Dragonblood, Lady Melody Shaw, Lord Y Port Lairge, Thalauriana, Lyneya del Filde, Violetta Bellafiore, Haniya bat Baruch, Ivanna 13, and Marra 11--who with Mistress Arwen Southernwood and THL Guillaume de Gonzac of Caerthe, performed dances for our entertainment. And finally, a very special thank you to Lord Canus Dragonblood, Lady Melody Shaw, Lady Isabella al Harith, Lady Barbara, Mistress Arwen Southernwood and THL Guillaume de Gonzac, who lead the court dancing for the ball.

From the Chronicler

Happy New Year! Happy Anno Societatus XXXIX everyone,

Once again, if you have been seeking the chronicler at fighter practice on Sundays fear not with this wonderful weather I have started showing up again on Sundays. So yes, you can renew your subscriptions and get new subscriptions started, so pass the word around.

There have been some changes in the Baronial Shaft, look for the Regular Activities on pages 11 and 14, the back side of the calendar pages. Now if you take out the calendar page for refrigerator posting you aren't taking out event articles. Also the Citizen's Meeting is changing locations, you will find driving directions and a map on page 23, there will be a Citizen's meeting on May 18th mostly for Outlandish biz.

Thank you, Michael for May's cover art and for another wonderful Pony World cartoon. I wonder who will it be next month? And on that evil thought...

Lady Kathus





Sworded Affaire Thank You



We hope that all had an outstanding time at Sworded Affaire and that everyone got a good deal of fighting in. We had a most awesome time putting this event together, and we were glad to see it so well attended. This most loved event would not be the success it was without the help of quite a few people. We would like to take a moment to thank them.

First, Thank you to Don Rudger for organizing the roving tourney and melees. I am still hearing raves about them. Thank you to Don Charles for running the Silver Tyne tourney and coordinating the rapier classes, which were standing room only from what I heard. Thanks to Lady Isabella for keeping track of the reservations and to Lady Emery for putting together so many fun hours of A & S classes that were as well attended. And yet more thank you's go out to Lady Brynn for running a tight gate with so many rushing to get aboard, Tomas for actually hauling things out to the far reaches of al-Barran, and TJ and his crew for jumping in and helping so much in the kitchen (also preparing the wonderful seafood gumbo). A BIG thank you to our moms Karen and Kathleen --- no matter how long the day got or how tired we were, they kept the pace going in the kitchen till the very end. And to add to the end of the day, thank you to the Pirates of the Barking Spider for doing such an outstanding job on the decor of the tavern for the evening feast. We would also like to than Christopher Blackwood and his house for running children's activities. Our thanks to Lord Scarbellious for his tireless labors in the kitchen. If there is anyone that we have not mentioned, know that we thank you, for it takes everyone to put together an awesome event.

And last but not least, thank you to Their Excellencies Sir Trevor and THL Fermina for allowing us the chance to express our creative side. Also thank you to Their Majesties and all Their Excellencies for traveling to our sometimes warm and sometimes windy Barony. We hope you enjoyed yourselves.

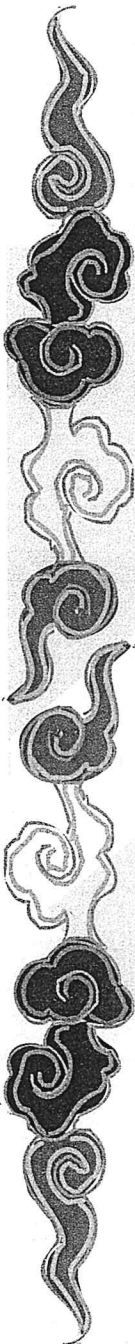
In Service,
Don Govanen and Lady Bronwen Blackwell



Rösselsprung Gate Thank You

Huzzah to a great team of volunteers for the gate at Rösselsprung!

We really appreciated your flexibility in manning the 3 gates into the equestrian arena area. Thank you so very much Duchess Elisheva, Lady Gwenyth Sastre, Lady Melody Shaw, Lord Y Port Lairge, Lady Bianca Mantegna, Thaulauriana, Lyneya del Filde, Violetta Bellafiore, Haniya bat Baruch, Lady Roma, Lord Christopher Blackwood, Kimberly Blackwood, Natasha, and Lady Barbara, Gate Coordinator.



Regular Activities

CITIZENS MEETING

Held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at our NEW LOCATION: The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. Map and driving directions are on page 23. Contact: Master James David 830-6904.

Fighter Practice

Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. Contact: Lord Badai 242-6735

Rapier Practice

Sunday afternoons, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. Contact: Don Coinneach 343-8362

Westside Fighter Practice

Held every other Saturday morning starting at 9:30 am over the summer at Paradise Hills Park near the Northeast corner by the skate park. *Directions to the Park:* Take Paseo Del Norte west to Golf Course Road. Go Right on Golf Course to Paradise. Turn Left (West) on Paradise. Take Paradise past Lyon/Unser to the park (It's on the right hand side of the road). Contact: Lord Vlad 344-0094.

Archery Practice

Held on every Saturday of each month. Practice starts at 10 am, please be sure to arrive early so we can get the paperwork filled out and practice started on time. The practice range is at Master Tore's & Dona Sylvia's home in the Tijeras area. Contact: Oengus of Greymist for directions and additional information by email at archery@al-barran.org

Al-Barran Equestrian Practice

Practices are held starting at 11:00 am on the first and third Saturdays of each month. Please contact the Equestrian Marshal; Lady Dubheasa at 730-3999 or email equestrian@al-barran.org for directions to the site and any other information.

Blaidwyn Fighter Practice

Held on Wednesdays starting at 6:00 pm. Fighter practice is now held in front of Carlisle Gym. Directions: Go west from Redondo Rd and Yale and turn right into the first parking lot, traverse the length of the parking lot and to the right: go up between Northrup hall and Carlisle Gym. Fighter practice will be on the left. Please note: According to the UNM Parking website they will be enforcing parking regulations until 8 pm.

The First of May

*The fair maid who, the first of May,
Goes to the fields at break of day,
And washed in dew from the hawthorn-tree,
Will ever after handsome be.*

The Meaning of Love

Both Light and Shadow
are the dance of Love.

Love has no Cause;
it is the astrolabe of god's secrets.
Lover and Loving are inseparable
and timeless.

Although I may try to describe Love
when I experience it I am speechless.
Although I may try to write about Love
I am rendered helpless;
my pen breaks and the paper slips away
at the ineffable place
where Lover, Loving and Loved are one.

Every moment is made glorious
by the light of Love.



Looking for Love

A Strange Passion is
moving in my head.
My heart has become
a bird
which searches in
the sky.
Every part of me goes
in different directions.
Is it really so
that the one I love is
everywhere?

Defeated by Love

The sky was lit
by the splendor of the moon
So powerful
I fell to the ground

Your love
has made me sure

I am ready to forsake
this worldly life
and surrender
to the magnificence
of your Being

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Sunday	Monday
Regular Activities listings More information on the regular activities is located on pages 11 & 14. Also check the A&S letter on page 6 for some others.	
2 -Fighter & Rapier Practice -Court Dancing <i>May Day Celebration</i>	3 Gammer Gurton's Needle
9 -Fighter & Rapier Practice <i>Coronation</i>	10 Gammer Gurton's Needle
16 -Fighter & Rapier Practice -Court Dancing	17 Gammer Gurton's Needle
23/30 -Fighter & Rapier Practice <i>Grand Outlandish</i>	24 Gammer Gurton's Needle /31 <i>Grand Outlandish</i>



Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Archery & Equestrian Practices <i>May Day Revels</i>
4 Blaidwyn Conclave	5 Blaidwyn Fighter Practice	6	7	8 <i>Coronation</i>
11 Blaidwyn Conclave	12 Blaidwyn Fighter Practice	13	14	15 Archery & Equestrian Practices <i>GO Clean up</i>
18 IZEN'S MEETING Location	19 Blaidwyn Fighter Practice	20	21 Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Work- shop	22 <i>Special Olympics Demo</i>
25 Blaidwyn Conclave	26 Blaidwyn Fighter Practice	27 <i>Grand Outlandish</i>	28 <i>Grand Outlandish</i>	29 <i>Grand Outlandish</i>

Demos this Month

Highland Games Demo—May 15th
Special Olympics Demo—May 22nd

May Dates

May 1st Happy New Year!
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1 May Day
4 Full Moon
9 Mother's Day
19 New Moon
31 Memorial Day

Regular Activities

Court Dance Practice

Court dance practices are scheduled at fighter practice (Bataan Park, NW corner of Lomas & Carlisle), on Sundays from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. May practice is on the 16th. Everyone, age 7 and up, is welcome to these free court dance practices. For the latest information concerning court dance practices, please contact Lady Barbara at 293-7453 or krege@aps.edu or join the al-Barran musicians and court dance list at alBarranMusic_Dance@yahoogroups.com.

"Scorpion Scales"

Founded to provide atmosphere and live accompaniment to court dancing at feasts and events. Come join the al-Barran court dance musicians; instrumentalists interested in playing live music for court dancing, please consider attending. The idea is to have available live court musicians instead of using the CD player at some events. Please visit our website: <http://shiao.mei.home.comcast.net/sscales.html> to download current music to practice. Meetings will be held on Mondays at 7:30 pm, at Lady Bianca's house, and some Sundays at fighter practice. Please contact: Lady Melody at lockgen1@aol.com for further information.

Singing Practice

Singing practice time and day is changing, please check with Tancred. Contact Lord Tancred for directions, etc. at 268-4994 or by e-mail at tancred@mindspring.com

Gammer Gurton's Needle

The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. Check out the article for current meeting place and monthly focus on the facing page. Contact: Lady Rosamond at 865-9082 or ldyrosamond@msn.com OR Delia the Rose of Thorncastle at 232-7946 or HLDelia@aol.com.

Arts and Sciences Knowledge Exchange and Workshops

Topics to include: felting, lampwork beads, stone carving, soap, leather, conserves, cooking and much more. To meet on the 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 pm at 10417 Palo Verde Place NW. Contact: Lady Skia 344-0094 for more information, when a workshop is happening and directions.

Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops

The study & application of all types of weaving & it's history. Third Friday of every month at 7 pm at Lady Monika's house. Contact: Lady Monika the Fair at 323-5569 for more information and directions.

Blaiddwyn Project Conclave

Come and join Blaiddwyn College at their project conclave every Tuesday evening to show off your latest projects or to pick up some new ones. Bring a project to work on or to share. Contact Blaiddwyn's Arts and Science Officer: Lady Emer Fitton 293-1206 or kbutler@salud.unm.edu for days, times and location.



Highland Games Demo

The Barony of Al-Barran
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Menaul School

Please join us in participating in the demo. We are looking for as many gentles who would help provide a medieval atmosphere. Bring out your arts and science projects. Please dress in nice garb; we will have a lot of observers.

Don't forget that this is also the last clean up day for Grand Outlandish, perhaps your camping group can split up and have some attend cleanup and some attend the demo. Please contact Don Govanen Blackwell at 281-4655 or Govanen@aol.com for more information on the Highland Games demo.

May 15th G.O. Cleanup

If you would like to have a fabulous camping spot of your choice, reserved just for you all you have to do is come to the clean up weekends. The last cleanup weekend is scheduled for May 15th. Call the autocrat Mistress Aziza al Kashani (256-4568 or jenopie@worldnet.att.net) or deputy-autocrat Lord Christobal (839-7302 or abqbobcat@aol.com) for more information and weather conditions for the weekend. Directions to site on page 16.

Special Olympics Demo

The Barony of Al-Barran
May 22, AS XXXIX (2004)
UNM Soccer Field

Once again, the Barony of al-Barran will be holding a demo for the Special Olympics. This is definitely one of my favorite demos, and many of those who participate will agree.

We will be doing a "Fight a Knight". We are looking for several heavy-weapons fighters, a few scribes, a few heralds, and many other gentles who would help with set up and help provide a medieval atmosphere. Please dress in nice garb; we will have a lot of observers.

A lunch of hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided by the Special Olympics!

The Special Olympics is held at the UNM Soccer Field, to the east of in the intersection of University Blvd and Avenida de Cesar Chavez. Go past the UNM Football Stadium on University Blvd to the next street. You will find a parking lot, and the UNM Soccer Field is just south of this parking lot and south of the track field, also.

For more information, please contact Lord Cristobal Vasquez at (505)839-7302 or abqbobcat@aol.com



Grand Outlandish XXXI

Barony of al-Barran
Torrance County Park

May 27th - 31st A.S. XXXIX (2004)

Site opens at 12:00 on Thursday May 27th

Site fees: \$20.00 Adult (over 15 yr.); \$10.00 Kids (under 15 yr.)
\$55.00 Family cap.

All non-members must be sponsored by a paid member and pay an extra \$3.00 surcharge



Get out your summer camping equipment, Grand Outlandish is here. Dust off the Estrella grass, make all your repairs, and plan on a weekend of fun. The event will be at the Torrance County Park - same as last year. Starting on Friday there will be tournaments, such as The Lord of Outlandish, Outlandish Blade, and more. There will also be children's activities starting on Friday. Look for information on the Grand Outlandish Chess Tournament, championship game to be played on Sunday afternoon. Check out the Grand Outlandish web site at www.unm.edu/~mariasol/got/ for more information.

The site is at about 7000 feet (drink a lot of water and use sunscreen) with trees and lots of good camping. Remember there is no water on site, you must bring your own.

Attention merchants!! We are asking for pre-registration for Grand Outlandish. Duchess Kathryn of Iveragh is the coordinator for merchants this year. Any questions or information needed should be directed to her.

Directions: From I-25 and I-40, travel 19.2 miles east on I-40 to exit 187 at Edgewood. Go south 0.2 miles to junction NM333 (Old 66). Go left on NM 333 (Old 66) and travel east 4.4 miles to Lexco Rd. (look for Mountain View Elementary School). Turn Right on Lexco and travel south for 2.4 miles to Martinez (a dirt road). Turn right and travel west on Martinez. Go 2.4 miles and look for a small sign on the left with "Torrance County Park" on it. This sign marks an unnamed road. Turn left on this road and travel south for 0.3 miles to the park.

See you all there!

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Merchant Coordinator: Duchess Kathryn of Iveragh (Kathryn Ballard), phone: (505) 615-9284; email: kballar@unm.edu

May 15th G.O. Cleanup

If you would like to have a fabulous camping spot of your choice, reserved just for you all you have to do is come to the clean up weekends. The last cleanup weekend is scheduled for May 15th. Call the autocrat or deputy-autocrat for more information and weather conditions for the weekend.

Grand Outlandish **Arts & Sciences Schedule**

For a complete listing of where and when classes are held check the Grand Outlandish gate book or the website for Grand Outlandish. This is just a quick listing of the classes to be held, no times, locations (A&S tent, Wanderlust or Children's tent) or fees (if applicable) are being listed here.

Friday classes:

- "Cordials" taught by Danica IN THE
- "Seamless Felted Pouches and Bags taught by Skia
- "Bardic Performance" (How Not to Fall into the Fire & make an ash of yourself) taught by Cailte
- "Turn Shoe Workshop" taught by Jochen
- "ME Ensemble Music" (Melodics, rhythms, vocals, accompanies Dances) taught by Elia
- "Beginning ME Dancing: Transitions" taught by Asha
- "Advanced ME Dancing: Transitions" taught by Asha

Saturday classes:

- "Food Plants of the Middle Ages" taught by Leonore
- "Siege Cooking Competition" taught by Vlad & Leonore
- "Rectangular Patterning" taught by Asha (Making a Coat Out of 2.5 yards of Fabric)
- "Info for Newcomers" taught by Tana
- "Renaissance Shirt Construction" taught by Diana
- "Hair Jewelry" taught by Tessa
- "Largess workshop" (Discuss ideas for largess and work on some projects) taught by Monika
- "Adapting Modern Patterns into Period Patterns" (For Men) taught by Solveig
- "How to Host a Bardic" taught by Safya
- "ME Ensemble Music" (Melodics, rhythms, vocals, accompanies Dances) taught by Elia
- "Turkish Folk Dance" taught by Morgaine
- "Folk Line Dances of the Near East" taught by Morgaine
- "ME Vocal Technique" taught by Leila
- "ME Drumming" taught by Metin

Sunday classes:

- "Nourishing your Local Court Dancing Group" taught by Barbara
- "Food Storage for the Small Manor" taught by Leonore
- "Blackwork" taught by Dalia
- "Court Dancing" taught by Barbara
- "Adapting Modern Patterns into Period Patterns" (for Women) taught by Solveig
- "Camping Successfully in Late Period Garb" taught by Alia
- "Mead Making" (A basic class on turning water (and honey) into wine) taught by Cathyn
- "Simple and Fast Needle Weaving" (The Rose Owen Method) taught by Skia
- "Early Period Head Gear" taught by Tana
- "History of Beer Styles" taught by Gauvain
- "Herbal Healing Oils and Balms" taught by Elia

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"Song of the Desert" taught by Shirin

"Flamenco Dance" taught by Leila

"Mehendi" taught by Safya

Youth A&S Schedule

Friday classes:

"Leather Stamping" taught by Christopher

"Construction of boffers" taught by Shobin, Canus and Geoffrey

"Bardic Training for Teens" (songs and story telling) taught by Constance

Saturday classes:

"Fun With Felting for Children" taught by Skia

"Construction of boffers" taught by Shobin, Canus and Geoffrey

"Viking Bead Necklace making" taught by Constance

"Leather Stamping" taught by Christopher

"Making Quill Pens and Easy Book Binding" taught by Jacques

"Bardic Training for Teens" taught by Constance

Sunday classes:

"Children's Cooking Class" taught by Monika

"Viking Bead Necklace making" taught by Constance

"Simple Needle Weaving For Children" taught by Skia

"Leather Tooling Class" taught by Christopher



Volunteers Wanted for Children's Activities at G.O.

There will be lots of activities for the children, youth and teens on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Most of these activities will take place 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 5 pm, in or near the Children and Youth Tent, which is located just off of the list field in the "Town Square". Each day, there will be a hour break for lunch from noon to 1 pm, so that everyone can go back to their encampments for lunch.

Some of the classes and events are: Friday 9 am to noon, Archery Training and Archery Shoot for Children and Youth on the archery field (we need parents to accompany their children to this event). Sunday 9:30 am to 10:30 am, the youth will boffer against the Stag's Bloods on Munchhausen Battle Field in a Castle Seige. Sunday 3 to 5 pm, Boffer Tournament (in order to compete, each entrant must have his or her parent present while he or she is fighting in the Boffer Tournament). There will also be classes and activities in period outdoor games, cooking, period board games, leatherworking, boffer construction, boffer fighting techniques, making beaded necklaces, working with felt, simple needle weaving, bardic singing and storytelling, and other fun activities. Please note: Some of the classes have a maximum number of students, and you can sign up for these classes in advance at the youth tent, starting Friday at 9 am. All classes and activities are free, except one class on Sunday.

For youth and teens who want to be in service, there will be lots of opportu-

nities as card runners for the List Mistresses of the tournaments, waterbearers for the tournaments, refilling toilet paper in the port-a-johns, Town Criers, and as messengers for the new youth Courier League for children 8 to 12 years old. Also Friday and Saturday evening, we have activities planned for the teens in the Children and Youth Tent. If you have prizes for competitions or gifts for children in service, or if you would like to put on a children or youth activity at Grand Outlandish, May 27-30, or help with an activity, please contact Lady Barbara at krege@aps.edu or 293-7453. We are also looking for a household or individual, who would be willing to put on a "teen's evening event" for the teens, in the youth tent, either Friday or Saturday evening, till about 11 pm.



New Courier League To Form!

Hear ye! Hear ye! Announcing a new service to the barony and kingdom! I am putting together a new league of couriers to work at the local events, called the Courier League. It's purpose is to ensure good communication between all camps and parties involved in any event. There will be a special team running messages and errands between the various booths and camps at merchants row, with another special team running between the outlying camps and troll gate. I am sending out a call for volunteers for these teams.

The requirements are:

- 1) Must be between the ages of 8-16.
- 2) Must have parents permission and a signed waiver from your parent or guardian, and they must be on the premises for contact.
- 3) Must be willing and able to work a 2 hour shift.

The 8-12 year olds will be working the merchants area, the 13-16 year olds will work the outlying camps. Payment will be in the form of special token coins that can be redeemed for merchandise at the end of the event. You will be issued a special tabard to wear so people will recognize you as a courier, and a message pouch to carry messages in. If you are interested in participating in the Courier League, please call or email Lady Roma or Lady Gabrielle Stardust at the numbers and email addresses below.

Volunteers also are needed to devote an hour of their time in a one on one training session that can be redeemed with payment tokens. If you have a special skill you are willing to share, PLEASE help these children by donating an hour of your time to pass on that knowledge!

I am also putting out a call for any and all merchants willing to participate in this program by donating merchandise to be redeemed with payment tokens.

Please contact Lady Roma at 269-0188 or email at roma1358@hotmail.com. Alternate contact: Lady Gabrielle Stardust at 269-0764 or klkountz@hotmail.com.

We would like to start this for Grand Outlandish. Please help if you can.

Lonely Mountain Defender

Shire of Drygestan

July 15-18, A.S. XXXIX (2004)

Site opens Thursday, July 15th at noon.

Closes at 5 pm Sunday, July 18th.

Graduation Flats, Forest Road 289, Los Alamos, 87544

Site Fee is \$10 for adult members

(\$ 3 non-member surcharge additional)

\$5 for children ages 6 to 16. Kids 5 and under are free.

The site is wet.

Greetings all good Gentles and be of fine cheer for the great Lonely Mountain Defender draws nigh! Come enjoy the lovely high mountain meadow and days of frivolity, fighting and fun.

Lonely Mountain is at an elevation of approximately 9500 feet. Be prepared for hot afternoons, occasional rains and cold nights. There is no water on site so be sure to bring plenty. Take note that the back road will close at dusk so come early for the best access to campsites.

The Forest Service will set fire restrictions, if any, at the time of the event. Like last year, please stay updated on Forest Service closures and event news on our web site www.drygestan.org. At this time please prepare to use propane lanterns and stoves. The Forest Service has set Camping Restrictions to the meadow side of the road only. See the Troll Gate for details. No Driving on to the Meadow. The site is wet.

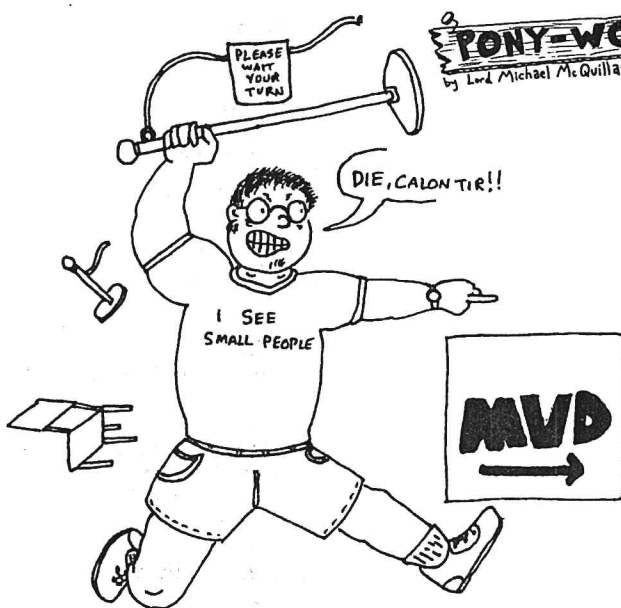
As always, please refrain from cannon fire after midnight.

Directions: Take State Road 502 from 285/84 (at Pojoaque) towards Los Alamos. Take White Rock exit - turn right at first stoplight. Stay straight for many miles through several stoplights on NM4 where the road "T's". Turn right and follow NM4 to Forest Road 289. Turn left and the site is on the right around 4 miles further.

From Albuquerque: Exit I-25 onto Rt. 44 to San Ysidro. Take Route 4 north through Jemez Springs, pass the Caldara (Baca Ranch National Park) and turn right on Forest Road 289. The site is on the right around 4 miles further.

Any questions regarding volunteers, etc. can be directed to the Autocrat: Lord Colin McKenna (Tim Grant) at lordcolinmckenna2003@yahoo.com or (505) 204-1780 or Deputy Autocrat Lady Renee Nix of Livingstone (Renee Nix) at rnix@co.santa-fe.nm.us or (505) 992-3084, 690-0913

Due to current Forest Service restrictions, Lonely Mountain Defender will be unable to host merchants this year.



"To Tancred, every long line looks like a shield wall..."

European Dancing

Estrella War 2005 A&S war point

One of the three Arts & Sciences competitions for the A&S War Point at Estrella War 2005 will be European Dance (or Court Dance as we know it.) If you are interested in competing or supporting this effort, I am coordinating the Outlands efforts. We have some exciting plans and we will shortly have a private discussion list to keep everyone informed. If you wish further information or wish to be put on this discussion list when it is created, please contact me, Lady Barbara, al-Barran, at krege@aps.edu, 293-7453.



Gammer Gurton's Needle

The May meetings for Gammer Gurton's Needle will be held at the Her Grace Leah Kasmira of Natterhelm's house (Flo Plecki) Her address is 617 Alvarado SE and phone 256-9806, located a few blocks south on Alvarado past Zuni (Alvarado is East of San Mateo intersecting Zuni. This month we will continue with Duchess Leah's wonderful idea for improving our donations to the Baronial largesse box. We will be making kits for simple projects. The kits will have all the supplies needed to make lucet cords, armor bag fresheners, coifs, embroidered napkins and other small projects we have done in the past. Members can then choose a take-home project at any time. With tourney season here we will be working on these kits this month. Please Note: We will not be meeting the Monday of Outlandish weekend.

Gammer Gurton's Needle is an interest group exploring many different threadwork techniques including but not limited to embroidery, laces, netting, bobbin or needle lace, beading, needlepoint, inkle loom weaving, card-weaving, etc. Please join us. We meet every Monday evening at 7 pm. (we don't meet in garb). You can work on the month's emphasis or bring your own project.

Contacts: Rosamond de Preston at 865-9082, ladyrosamond@abqbooks.com or Delia the Rose of Thorncastel at 232-7946, HLDelia@aol.com.
Website: <http://www.themissingpiece.com/ggn/>

"My fair long straight needle, that was mine only treasure. The first day of my sorrow is. And last of my pleasure." From the play, The Loss of Gammer Gurton's Needle, 1575

Court Dancing Article

Court dance practice is scheduled at fighter practice park (Bataan Park) on Sunday, May 16th from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. Everyone, age 7 and up, is welcome at these free court dance practices. For the latest concerning times and locations of dance or music practices, please contact me at kreg@aps.edu, 293-7453, or go to www.yahooogroups.com and join the al-Barran music & dance list, alBarranMusic_Dance@yahooogroups.com.

We hope you enjoyed the court dancing and Maypole dancing and all the amazingly wonderful entertainment, tournaments and classes at our May 2nd al-Barran May Day Celebration. The al-Barran Court Dancers who hosted this event, really, really appreciate all of you who came and lent your time, gifts, service and talents to make this such a memorable and special day. Since this copy had to go to press before the event, we'll save our list of thank yous till the June issue. A very special thank Thalauriana who created and sewed the al-Barran Court Dancers new banner and Lord Y Port Lairge for creating a lid and side slats for our court dance performance props box! And thanks again to the al-Barran Court Dancers who not only worked very hard at the May Day Celebration, but also came out in mass to support our 1st two Blaiddwyn Court Dance Practices in April at the SUB. Huzzah!

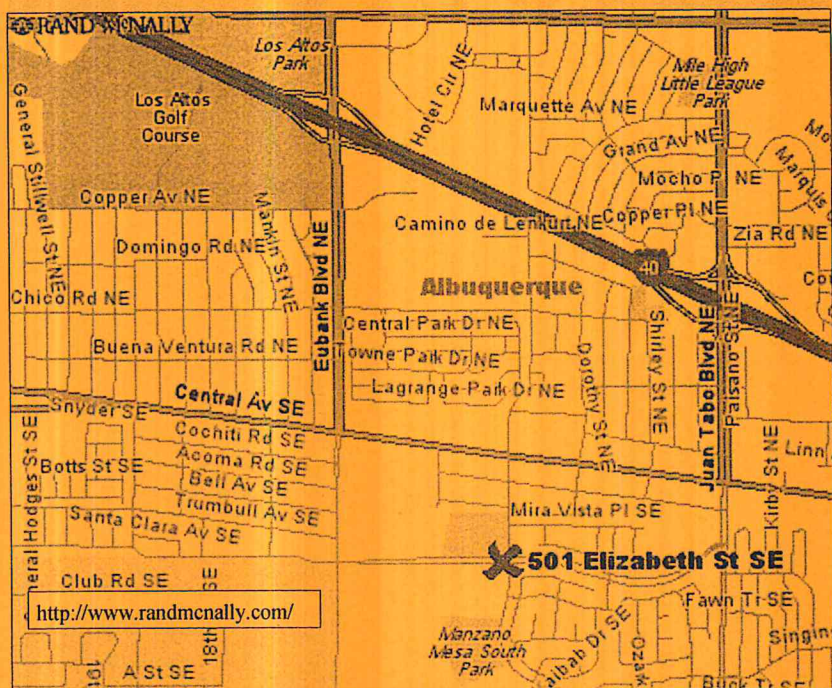
Yours in service to the dream,
Lady Barbara

Citizen's Meeting

The Citizen's Meeting is moving! The NEW LOCATION is the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM. There will be a Citizen's meeting on May 18th, mostly to discuss Outlandish biz. The citizen's meeting are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month beginning at 6:30 pm. Please contact the Seneschal, Master James David 830-6904, for further information.

Driving Directions:

Take I-40 to the Eubank Blvd exit (No. 165). Turn south onto Eubank Blvd. Continue onto Eubank Blvd past Central Avenue. Turn left onto Southern Avenue. The Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center is at 501 Elizabeth St SE, Albuquerque, NM at the corner of Southern and Elizabeth.



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